

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA H	FORM NO. 403
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City Lexington

Address 8 Glen Road

Historic Name Wheeler-Greene House

Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Period between 1889 and 1898

Source map research

Style Shingle Style

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric shingles

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage .2 A. (9880 ft.²)

Setting Residential street of late

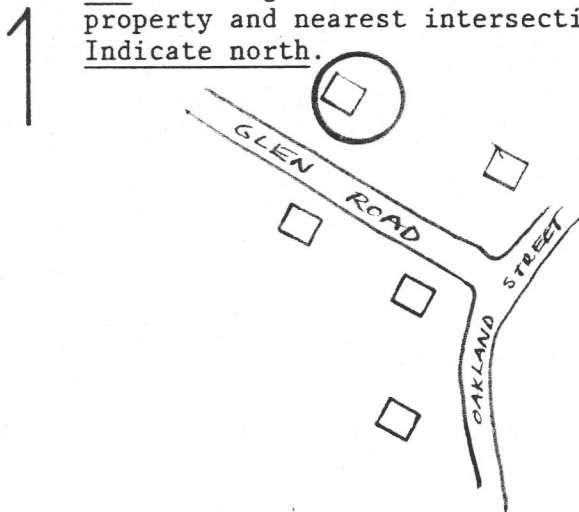
nineteenth century houses; slightly more

modest in scale than those on the rest

of Meriam Hill.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date March, 1984

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This is a modest cottage of a style less frequently found on Meriam Hill than Queen Anne or Colonial Revival. Notable features are the gambrel roof extending down over the second floor, the recessed entry, and the shed dormer with lateral shingled brackets.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

~~This house and the one at 6 Glen Road were owned in 1906 by Aril A. Wetherbee who worked in Boston.~~ Glen Road was one of the last streets to be developed on Meriam Hill. Only on this street and Upland Road adjacent were some of the houses built speculatively.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

1898 map

1906 atlas

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
8 GLEN ROAD
Area(s) Form No.

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

This house was constructed before 1899 when it was occupied by Charles I. Wheeler, who sold awnings in Boston. On August 18, 1906 the *Lexington Minute-man* reported that:

Mrs. Sarah P. McLean Greene has recently purchased the Chas. I. Wheeler house on Glen road, vacated a short time ago by Chas. H. Miles, superintendent of the Lexington Gas and Elec. Lt. Co. It is a picturesque Dutch colonial house nestling amid some dwarf pines. It is hardly necessary to recall that Mrs. Greene is the author of "Cape Cod Folks", that humorous photographic portrayal of life and characteristics of the cape. The book has recently been dramatized and is to be brought out on the stage of the Boston Theatre, beginning with the week of Monday, Aug. 27th, when the regular fall season at this theatre opens...Mrs. Greene has published a number of novels since this her first one, which made a sensation and established her literary prestige. She averages about a book a year, and a novel is now in the hands of her publishers and will be issued to the public before too long. Mrs. Greene is the sister of the late Mrs. Wm. H. Greeley of Lexington, and her brother is ex-Gov. McLean of Connecticut.

Sarah Pratt McLean Greene (1856-1935) was born in Simsbury, Connecticut and studied at Mount Holyoke Seminary for two years before leaving to teach on the Cape. Her experiences there inspired her first book *Cape Cod Folks* (1881). In addition to *Cape Cod Folks*, her works include *Towhead* (1883), *Last Chance Junction* (1889), *The Moral Imbeciles* (1898), *Vestry of the Basins* (1900), *Winslow Plain* (1902), *Flood Tide* (1902) and *Power Lot* (1906). Her book *Cape Cod Folks* was the basis of a silent movie, *Women Who Give*, produced in 1924 by Louis B. Mayer. In 1887 she had married Franklin Greene who died in 1890. Mrs. Greene lived at 8 Glen Road until her death in 1935.

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